

REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 9/11/89

FULL NAME John F. Chapman S.S. NC.
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Liberty STATE SC ZIP CODE 29657

DATE OF BIRTH 3/2/46 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Baptist NATIONALITY (Citizen of) USA

OCCUPATION Laborer, Champion, Inc.

EDUCATION H.S.-4

WEIGHT 200 HEIGHT 5'5" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Dirty Blonde COLOR OF EYES Brown

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Balding

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS

MARRIED ☒ SINGLE ☐ NAME OF SPOUSE

CHILDREN (Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T172	Liberty	SC	S.A.	3/3/89	9/8/89 ID # 0469

Chartered Organization Liberty Plant, Greenwood Mills

SPECIAL ~~RECOGNITION~~ NOTE: Retired Military

INCIDENT: TYPE 1,3 DATE OF INCIDENT Anonymous RESOLUTION 1
Type Resolution

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1=Scout Related | 1. Internal (only Scouts Know) |
| 2=Non-scout related | 2. Criminal action |
| 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth) | 3. Court action |
| | 4. Probationary status |
| | 5. Reported to state agency |

Check off list of attached documentation

1. Description of incident
2. Victim(s) statement - anonymous
3. media reports
4. Legal proceedings
5. Offender's statement
6. Official notification of termination
7. Found guilty/innocent by court

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NOV 13 1989

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Council Blue Ridge Council #551 Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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CONF017248

November 20, 1989

Mr. J. Ben Edwards
Scout Executive
Blue Ridge Council, No. 551

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JOHN F CHAPMAN

Dear Ben:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

READY TO FILE

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ERIN ORLEY

CONF017249



BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL

2 Ridgeway Avenue P.O. Box 6628 Greenville, South Carolina 29606 Telephone 803/233/8363

The Spirit Lives On!

October 19, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration Service
National Council, BSA

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

In response to your letter dated October 3, 1989, you will find enclosed a confidential, contemporaneous listing of events regarding the suspension of John F. Chapman. As you know, the letter we received was anonymous, but was compelling and alleged child molestation to children who have since reached adulthood. A copy of the anonymous letter was sent to you previously.

When a witnessing volunteer and I met with John Chapman, I mentioned to him that we had received a letter from an area where he had previously served as a volunteer, making allegations serious enough that would require the Boy Scouts of America to suspend his membership. We were extremely careful not to discuss the anonymity, origin, the timeframe, nor specifically the allegations. Paul, we felt the anonymity of the accuser could have caused some legal complications if disclosed, therefore, we had to exercise extreme caution.

Upon his learning about his suspension, Mr. Chapman began to sulk and weep. He attempted to justify the allegations with the following facts:

*John Chapman was a career enlisted person in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Florida prior to moving to Liberty, South Carolina where he enrolled his son in Scouting and became an Assistant Scoutmaster.

*John Chapman and his cousin, an inexperienced electrician, were stationed at the same Air Force Base.

*John Chapman's cousin was assigned to complete an electrical assignment on a building that would require someone with more experience.

*His cousin protested the complexity of the job but was ordered by his supervisors to complete the work.

*John Chapman's cousin was electrocuted and sustained serious burns, but survived.

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Mr. Paul Ernst
October 19, 1989

*John Chapman persisted that an inquiry into the accident be conducted and even contacted Senator Strom Thurmond which eventually led to the early retirement of several of his cousin's supervisors.

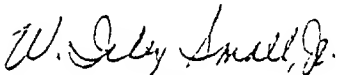
*According to John Chapman, these people were seeking revenge, thus the allegations.

At this point I discussed the appellate procedures with John Chapman and mentioned that following a thorough investigation into the allegations a decision would be made as to whether or not he could be reinstated if he so desired. His response was, "I don't want to lose my children", and he requested that an investigation not be conducted. The volunteer with me mentioned to Mr. Chapman that if he felt strongly that the allegations were untrue, that he should appeal in order to resolve the matter. But, Mr. Chapman insisted that no investigation be held. He chose to surrender voluntarily his membership card and sever all ties with Scouting. He and his son have since discontinued meeting with the Troop.

Paul, John Chapman's story appeared initially to have some credibility. However, his defense was an incident that occurred in Florida where he lived just prior to his retirement from the Air Force. The anonymous letter contained allegations when he lived in Ohio and Morrocco which occurred prior to his moving to Florida. Next, when he mentioned that he did not want to lose his children was it because of threats of loss of custody during earlier investigations as the anonymous letter suggested?

I hope this information will suffice in resolving this case, but if you need more information please let me know. I will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



W. Irby Small, Jr.
Director of Field Service

WIS,jr/lmt
Encls.

cc: Ben Edwards, Scout Executive
Southeast Region, BSA

CONF017251

AUGUST 28, 1989 - Received letter dated August 18, 1989, from Effingham, Illinois postmarked August 19, 1989. Letter was inadvertently sent to Indian Waters Council. Re. letter from [REDACTED] ASE to [REDACTED], SE. DFS expressed concern to SE over retaliation from accused for character assassination.

August 28, 1989 - T/C Paul Ernst @ National Office for reassurance re. procedures to follow when letter is received from anonymous accuser alleging child abuse. Paul Ernst confirmed that membership should be suspended and an internal investigation should be conducted to document allegations.

August 28-29, 89 - Prepared letter re. suspension of John Chapman to be signed by Council President, John Kincaid. T/C Tuffy Sargent re. schedule appointment to discuss a highly confidential matter that affects T172. Asked Sargent to maintain absolute confidentiality.

August 30, 1989 - Mtg. Tuffy Sargent, SM, T172, to ask if suspicion ever existed re. John Chapman, SA, T172 for child molestation. Discussed allegations and asked for absolute confidentiality.

Sept. 1, 1989 - Letter received endorsed by Council President.

September 15, 1989 - At District Committee discussion that new Troop being organized with John Chapman as SM. Mentioned by Tuffy Sargent that new leader would be necessary with no discussion as to reasons.

Sept. 6, 1989 - T/C Jerry ^{Bowman}~~Bowen~~ re. record of past problems with John Chapman as his application indicated service as SM in Gulf Coast Council. Said he would investigate and contact me.

Sept. 6, 1989 - T.C Tuffy Sargent to see if he would meet with John Chapman and me re. allegations. T/C John Chapman to schedule appointment for 5:30 p.m., Friday, September 8, 1989 in Liberty at Scout Hut 172.

Sept. 7, 1989 - Received call from Cheryl Clark, Registrar, Gulf Coast Council and was told that no record existed on John Chapman as a SM or district committee member in Council as per application indicated.

Sept. 8, 1989 - Tuffy Sargent and Irby Small met with John Chapman to deliver letter suspending membership. No mention was made re. specific allegations but rather he was told a letter was received making serious allegations that require us to suspend membership. In response, Chapman mentioned the allegations were smear tactics from people in the military out to get even because of a congressional investigation he instigated at his base. However, it is worth noting that the defense he uses occurred after the alleged incidents that warranted his suspension. He asked that no further investigation be conducted and resigned without incident. His membership card was returned.

Sept. 12, 1989 - Confidential Record and letter was drafted to be sent to National Registration.

WIS,jr/lmt
9/13/89

October 3, 1989

READY FOR FILE

OCT 03 1989

JULIE EATON


Mr. W. Irby Small
Director of Field Service
Blue Ridge Council, No. 551

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: JOHN F. CHAPMAN

Dear Irby:

Thank you for your letter of September 19, and the material which helped to document the reason for suspension of registration.



Thanks for your help in completing this material.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region
J. Ben Edwards, Scout Executive-No. 551

CONF017253



BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL

2 Ridgeway Avenue P.O. Box 6628 Greenville, South Carolina 29606 Telephone 803/233/8363

The Spirit Lives On!

September 18, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration Service
National Council, BSA

Dear Paul:

Please find enclosed a copy of an anonymous letter which has prompted us to suspend the registration of John F. Chapman. The letter was delivered personally by a volunteer and myself without mentioning the anonymity of the source of information.

An attempt was made by Mr. Chapman to justify the allegations, but he chose to resign without incident. His membership card was returned to us at his will, as he did not want further investigation into the matter.

I hope the enclosed information will be sufficient but if you need anything additional please contact us.

Sincerely,

W. Irby Small, Jr.
Director of Field Service

WIS,jr/lmt
Encls.

ATTACHMENT TO LETTER
9-26-89
JL

Added to CF file
Deleted from reg
9/29/89
cmj



BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL

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The Spirit  Lives On!

August 29, 1989

Mr. John F. Chapman

Liberty, SC 29657

Dear Mr. Chapman:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be granted or reinstated. The procedures for review are attached.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

John J.P. Kincaid, Jr.
President

Attachments

MS08 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM 09/29/89
MEMBER DELETE 09:09:48

CNCL 551 PRG/UNIT S0172 SEQ. 046991
FIRST: JOHN
ADDR1: [REDACTED] LAST: CHAPMAN SC ZIP: 29657
ADDR3: ADDR2: LIBERTY
REG STATUS: N ENROLL: 0489 BIRTH: 0346 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A
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MEMBER DELETED FROM DATABASE SUCCESSFULLY

August 22, 1989

Mr. Ben Edwards
Scout Executive
Blue Ridge Council
P. O. Box 6628
Greenville, S.C. 29606-6628



No. 553
Boy Scouts of America
1825 Gadsden Street
P.O. Box 144
Columbia, South Carolina 29202
Telephone 765-9070
Francis H. Herndon
President
Ted Schmidt
Commissioner
James C. Dalton
Scout Executive

Ben,

Enclosed is a letter which we received August 21. I am passing it on to you as I believe Liberty is in your Council. There may or may not be substance to the accusations but I felt obligated to get this information to you.

Sincerely,

Allan M. Lane
Assistant Scout Executive

Enclosure

AML:ln



United Way Serving: Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Saluda Counties

CONF017257

ADULT APPLICATION PART TWO

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Name JOHN F. CHAPMAN
 Driver's license No. SC
 State SC Expiration 03/02/93

Name BOUCE BRIESEH
 Address [REDACTED]
 City/Zip CHIEER, SC 29651
 Relationship FATHER Phone [REDACTED]

5 Education or special training
☐ Elementary ☐ High school ☒ College ☐ Advanced degree(s)

Position SCOUTMASTER TRANSMAN Year 1988-89
SCOUTMASTER GOLF COAST 1986
X-

Name DAVID ALDFIELD/BARRARA
 Address [REDACTED]
 City/Zip SAN ANTONIO, TX 78242
 Relationship SCOUTMASTER OF SCOUT Phone [REDACTED]
FOR 20 YRS

2. Previous experience. What other experience, if any, have you had that may assist you in working with youth?

As a volunteer SCOUTMASTER ON & OFF
PAST 24 YRS, EXCEPT TIME
IN YOUR WORK OR PROFESSION GOING TO COLLEGE AND
DURING VICTIMISM.

7. History of legal involvement

- a. Are you free of illegal substance abuse? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b. Have you ever been convicted of criminal offense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 (If yes, please explain)
- c. Have you ever been arrested or convicted for the use or sale of drugs? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Have you ever been hospitalized or treated for alcohol or substance abuse? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of child neglect or abuse? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- f. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 (If yes, please explain) FL 32481
FL 32481
9284

8. References. Please list those who are familiar with your character as it relates to working with youth

3. Current memberships (religious, community, youth, business, or professional)

LIBERTY, SC. 29657

Name GRACE R. HINEHAIT
 Address [REDACTED]
 City/Zip PARKER, FL
 Relationship PASTOR Phone 877-4182

1. the undersigned, understand that:

- a. The information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons or organizations named in this application and I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information coming into the Boy Scouts of America or local council thereof
- b. In signing this application, I swear or affirm that the information that I have given herein is true and correct

John F. Chapman Date 3-13-89
 Sign here and in part one

Reviewed and approved by

David Alldfield Date 3/13/89
 (Signature of Scoutmaster)

David Alldfield Date 3-13-89
 (Signature of Scoutmaster)

Dear Sirs,

With a pleading heart we are begging you to please remove John Chapman, Liberty, S.C. from your group of scout leaders.

This man is a child-molester. We are writing, because our children and others which are now adults, were molested by this man.

He has been investigated in Ohio, Florida, and Morrocco. Why he is free--we do not know. The children I mention were molested as children and early teens and are now adults. The statute of limitations is over. It didn't come to our knowledge until recently.

We must remain anonymous. Please understand. We thought the authorities would bar him from scouting, but they did not.

Please protect other young children.

May God give you wisdom.



Liberty, SC 29657



T 172 - Asst. SM

Clatsop Co. - 3/2/46

registered 4/89



*Approved
First Friday*

*Tulsa - AUG 20 1989
W-843-1312*

UNIT BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ADULT APPLICATION PART ONE

Please print one letter in each space—press hard; you are making three copies.

UNIT SCOUTERS
Check one
☐ Pack No. 172
☒ Troop No. 172
☐ Team No. _____
☐ Post No. _____
☐ Ship No. _____

OR
COUNCIL/DISTRICT SCOUT
Council/district position _____
District No. _____

First name and initial
J O H M
Last name
C H A P M A N
Social Security number
[REDACTED]

Address—street or R.F.D.
[REDACTED]
Additional address information (if necessary)
[REDACTED]

City
L I B E R T Y
State
S C
ZIP code
2 9 6 5 7

Home phone
[REDACTED]
Business phone
[REDACTED]

Present employment—occupation, employer, and business address
[REDACTED]
LIBERTY SC 29657
Previous employment—occupation, employer, and business address
U.S.A.F. MSgt E7 RET.
TRAINING & EDUCATION
AIR FREIGHT

Date of birth
0 3 0 2 4 6
Month Day Year
Holding—see cover ☒
Position Code
S A
Years at this employment
1

Boys' Life ☐ Check one: ☐ New leader ☒ Former leader
Sex ☒ M ☐ F
Marital status ☒ M ☐ S
Number of children ☐ 0 ☒ 1 ☐ 2
Ages of children
M 13
F 15
Personal signature—see back cover
John F. Chapman
Date
3/13/89
Unit renewal date
0 3 9 0
Month Year
Term (months)
1 2
Boys' Life fee
\$ 7.00
Registration fee
\$ 2.00

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished by paying \$1 for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.
☐

Transfer from:
Council _____
Nat'l unit No. _____
Member ID No. _____